Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Am I to understand that they had applications without calling for them ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They had.

Meeting of the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee.

83. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state when was the last meeting of the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee held, and if no meeting of the Committee has been held in 1104, what is the reason for it ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The last meeting of the Town Improvement Committee was held in 1103. Three meetings have been called in 1104, but none could be held for want of quorum, the President and the Secretary being the only members present on all the occasions.

Public Library and Reading Room in Kunnamkulam.

84. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have not received any representation for maintaining or aiding a Public Library and Reading Room at Kunnamkulam, and if so, whether the request has been sanctioned ; and if not, what is the reason for not granting the request ; whether the Government have not opened village Libraries ?

Rao Sahib Mr C. Matthai.—Yes; and the question of aiding a Public Library and Reading Room at Kunnamkulam is under consideration. Four village Libraries have been opened by the Government.

Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

85. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the resolution passed by the Legislative Council to open a Central Ayurvedic Hospital in the State and accepted by the Government; whether proposals for opening this hospital have been submitted to the Diwan, and if so, when and by whom and what are they ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Proposals to open the hospital were submitted to the Government by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in 1101 and 1103. They cannot be published now. The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the reason for not getting the report from the Chief Medical Officer till 1103, since the Government have received the report from the Superintendent of Agricultre in 1101 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On some special points further information was needed, and, therefore, further reports have to be called.

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